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1. The general headquarters of the Securitate is located in the Ministry of the Interior in Bucharest. Alexandru Draghici has been the Interior Minister since 1953. The commanding officer of the Securitate is Lt. General Nikolski, a native of Bessarabia.
2. Most of the new officers of the Securitate are sons of workers. As a rule, the youth are a little reluctant to enter the Securitate, but the young graduates who have studied on government funds and have distinguished themselves in the political field are sent to it regularly. For the recruitment of agents, young men are selected for their outstanding devotion and dedication to the regime.
3. The morale of Securitate agents assigned to guard the prisons and penitentiaries for political prisoners is low and most of them are discontented. Their uniforms, which are no longer distributed free of charge, are slovenly; their food is almost the same as that of the prisoners; and their hours of duty run from 0500 to 2200 hours. In addition, they must attend a political studies class. Despite the rules, they offer cigarettes to the prisoners.

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